



State Of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

July 9, 2011

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2011-H 5276, Substitute A as amended, "An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Patient-Centered Medical Home Act."

This bill would create the "Rhode Island All Payer Patient-Centered Medical Home Act."

Regrettably, the House and Senate versions of this bill were amended separately and inconsistently. Their language differs in a way unintended by the involved parties, requiring the disapproval of H 5276, Substitute A as amended. The Senate version of this bill, S 0770, Substitute A as amended, reflects the language agreed upon by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner and other stakeholders in the health care community. I wish to express my support for patient-centered medical homes, and my appreciation for the efforts of both House and Senate sponsors of this bill. Had the language of the two bills been the same, I would have without hesitation transmitted both bills with my signature.

For the above technical reason only, I disapprove of the aforementioned legislation, H 5276 Substitute A as amended, and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Lincoln D. Chafee in black ink, written over the word "Sincerely,".

Lincoln D. Chafee